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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

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B E F O R E: James F. Gennaro
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Eric A. Ulrich
Stephen T. Levin
Darma V. Diaz
Carlos Menchaca

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is the mic test for
3 the Committee on Environmental Protection. This is
4 August 26th, 2021. We are in the Council Chambers
5 and this is Owen Kitowski.

6 CHAIRPERSON GENNARO: Protection. Today,
7 we will hold about on proposed Intro 2283-A in
8 relation to the reductions and reporting of
9 greenhouse gas emissions at night show run
10 facilities. Local law 97 voted into law almost 2
11 years ago now represents the largest single carbon
12 reduction effort that any city has ever put forward.
13 That is a big statement. It will result in the
14 equivalent of taking more than 1 million cars off the
15 road by 2030. It will also create tens of thousands
16 of good jobs for the New Yorkers who need the most
17 according to the multiple independent studies. As
18 people in this room know, local law 97 passed as part
19 of a package of bills known as the Climate
20 Mobilization Act. We chose this name because these
21 bills merely represented the beginning and not the
22 end of the city's response to the climate crisis. It
23 is up to all of us, public and private alike, to do
24 our part to create a more sustainable city. Today
25 will take an important stem to advance local law 97.

Proposed Intro 2283, written by Council member Rosenthal, would require then New York City Housing Authority to report to the Mayor's Office of Long-term and Sustainability, OLTPS, the amount of greenhouse gas emissions for the portfolio of buildings owned and operated by a NYCHA by December 1, 2022 and no later than every December 1 thereafter and for the prior calendar year. Further, the local law requires that the Mayor include in the annual report on green building standards, due by December 1 each year, the amount of greenhouse gas submissions from capital projects involving buildings that are owned or operated by NYCHA measured in carbon dioxide equivalent for the fiscal year ending in the previous calendar year and the percentage change in such admissions measured in a carbon dioxide equivalent for such calendar year relative for calendar year 2005. That is kind of like the tech talk part of the bill here. This law would also amend to the reporting date requirement of local law 22 2008 and the inventory and analysis of citywide omissions and city government admissions measured in carbon dioxide equivalent for the previous calendar year. Finally, the reporting date will be amended from September 17

2 to November 21 of each year. This spell also amend
3 the reporting date of relevant actions taken by
4 OLTPS, including programs developed in education and
5 outreach activities from September 17 to November 21
6 of each year. Finally, within 90 days of the
7 adoption of the capital budget, the local law would
8 require OLTPS to complete and post on its website a
9 list of current and future capital projects intended
10 to reduce greenhouse gas submissions from city
11 government operations. Proper implementation of the
12 local law will not only put New York City on track to
13 meet its climate commitments but also significantly
14 reduce local omissions to the benefit of public
15 health. I recommend a yes vote on this legislation.
16 I would also like to thank Council member Rosenthal,
17 who may come by to say a few words, for writing this
18 legislation and the great committee staff who have
19 done such good work over the years. Counsel to the
20 committee, Sarah Swanson, policy analyst, Nadia
21 Johnston-- Johnson. Ricky Chawla and financial
22 analyst, Jonathan Seltzer, and, finally, my
23 legislative director, Nobby Kaur, for all of
24 their hard work. With that said, if no Council
25 members-- if there's any members here that wish to

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2 be heard, now would be the time to ask to be
3 recognized and, if not, I would ask the clerk to call
4 the roll. Does anybody wish to be recognized? Okay.
5 With that, I asked Billy to call the roll.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
7 committee clerk. Roll call vote Committee on
8 Environmental Protection. Proposed introduction
9 2283-A. Chair Gennaro?

10 CHAIRPERSON GENNARO: Yes.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you to
15 the Chair and I vote aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Darma Diaz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye on all. Thank
18 you.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of four in the
20 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
21 abstentions, the item has been adopted by the
22 committee.

23 CHAIRPERSON GENNARO: Thank you, Billy.
24 I appreciate the cooperation of my Council members.
25 I thank the legislative director, Jeff Baker, for

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2 putting this all together, and with that, this vote
3 is adjourned.

4 [gavel]

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Date September 1, 2021